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BOARD OF FINANCE

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MICHAEL D. VARNEY
JOSEPH E. WEHR

REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 12, 2008

Members Present: Robert Clements-Chairman, Richard Cleary, Mark Joyse, Barry Pinto, Michael Varney, Joseph Wehr

Others Present: Nicholas DiCorleto-Fin Off, Dale Roberson-Chmn, BOE, Maurice Blanchette-BOE, Anthony Littizzio-Director of Business Services BOE, Residents

Chairman Robert Clements called the regular meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 8:05 pm at the Town Hall.

Citizens Forum

The citizens in the audience asked the board about the fire truck that is coming up for funding and wanted to make sure the town is purchasing the correct truck for use. The Chairman told them that the Board of Finance is charged with determining the funding methods for the items. The Fire Dept. does the research and recommends to the Board of Selectmen what to purchase. Mr. Joyse stated that it looks like the truck is going to go to referendum based on the petition. It is on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen for Monday.

Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2008

Mr. Varney asked that the minutes be amended to reflect Michael Varney rather than Dennis Varney.

MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2008 AS AMENDED.

Financial Statements

Mr. DiCorleto told the Board that the year-end transfers would be presented to the Board of Selectmen on Monday. He is double checking them so they are not ready tonight.

Additional Appropriations/Recommendation to Town Meeting

Foreclosure of Tax Liens – 379 Somers Rd.

This is a foreclosure for tax liens. The Finance Officer stated that approval of this item would protect the town in the foreclosure sale should no one else attend the sale. It allows the Town Attorney to attend the sale and bid on the property. He also stated that the resident has indicated that they will be making a payment.

MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND GUARANTEE A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS AGAINST PROPERTY AT 379 SOMERS ROAD THROUGH A COURT ORDERED FORECLOSURE SALE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2008, THE FINANCE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE TOWN ATTORNEY WITH A DEPOSIT CHECK OF \$38,500 TO BE PAID TO THE COMMITTEE OF SALE IN THE EVENT THE TOWN BID IS ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE, AND FURTHER, THAT THE TOWN ATTORNEY IS AUTHORIZED TO BID AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE OUTSTANDING JUDGMENT PLUS COMMITTEE FEES AND EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.

New Business

2009 Board of Finance Calendar

The calendar was approved with the change of Board of Education budget hearing from March 17 to March 26 and the August meeting changed August 4 to August 18, 2009.

Old Business

Budget Guidelines

Chairman Clements passed out a draft of the 2009-10 budget guidelines and read it into the record. Mr. Wehr stated that his figures based on a 3% increase in the grand list and a 2.6% increase in mill rate would generate \$1.6 million in additional revenue. That will bring Ellington to the current budget. Mr. Varney stated that the departments should come in as close to a zero budget as possible. Mr. Wehr stated that we should also put something in the letter asking departments to conserve as much as possible in this year's budget. Mr. Cleary felt that capital improvements may have to be put off this year as well. Mr. Wehr stated that he had spoken to the Superintendent of Schools and he is well aware of the budgets and economic atmosphere for this coming year.

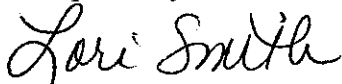
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It was agreed to eliminate the sentence stating "negotiated contract increases are excluded from this no growth policy".

Adjournment

**MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (WEHR) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Smith".

Lori Smith, Recording Clerk